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Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

U.S., German squadrons share heritage

By Mary Jo May

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke fighter squadron and a former German flying squadron pledged to maintain their common heritage Saturday during an F-16 basic pilots course graduation.

Lt. Gen. Peter Vogler, German Air Force Command commander, and Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, signed the Decree of Honor cementing the relationship between the 63rd Fighter Squadron and the Luftwaffe's Cactus Starfighter Squadron during Class 00-IBG graduation.

Luke trained German fighter pilots from 1964 on the F-84 Thunderstreak to 1984 on the F-104 Starfighter.

The Cactus Starfighter Squadron was formed in 1957 after Germany joined NATO and needed to rebuild its air force. Each Luftwaffe pilot trained at Luke two years and more than 1,800 Luftwaffe pilots received their training at Luke on the F-104 alone.

Former Arizona Gov. Jack Williams established the Arizona Cactus Starfighter Squadron in 1965 to bestow honorary Arizona citizenship on the German pilots and to acknowledge the ties between the German pilots and their Arizona hosts.

"We needed the help of the U.S. Air Force and Luke to train our German pilots and get us back on our feet during four decades of the Cold War and the Iron Curtain," Vogler said. "Bombs didn't only destroy my country, but the self-respect of the German people. The American



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Lt. Gen. Peter Vogler, German Air Force Command commander; Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, and Lt. Col. Rob Topp, 63rd Fighter Squadron commander, look at the wing of a German F-104 in the 63rd FS.

people helped us regain our self-respect and gave us back our dignity."

The training built a solid foundation for everlasting friendship between two countries.

"We tend to look at our differences easily, and we forget how much we are alike," Vogler said. "It's important to keep alive what unites us in spirit, attitude and objectives."

In 1998, the 56th Fighter Wing commander accepted a proposal by Vogler, the elected Cactus Starfighter Squadron

commander, to explore the feasibility of joining the former Starfighter pilots with Luke once again. After a year of study, the formal relationship between the 63rd FS and the Cactus Starfighter Squadron began.

"We join ranks in everlasting friendship as a visible symbol of the strong bonds between the American and German people," said Lt. Col. Rob Topp, 63rd FS commander. "Although the 63rd FS never trained German pilots, we have strong ties because of two brothers cur-

rently assigned to the squadron. Maj. Franz and Capt. Steve Plescha's dad, Frank Plescha, was an F-104 instructor pilot in the Cactus Starfighter Squadron."

A display of an F-104 aircraft wing with the German Iron Cross and signed by Cactus Starfighter Squadron members covers the back wall of the Panther's main briefing room. Another briefing room is the "Starfighter" which displays photos and memorabilia.

A quote from German Fighter Ace Gen. Adolf Galland, "Only the spirit of attack, born in a brave heart, will bring success to any fighter aircraft, no matter how highly developed it may be," is painted on the briefing room's wall.

The Cactus Starfighter Squadron took this "Spirit of Attack" one step further. During the graduation ceremony, Vogler presented the Cactus Starfighter Squadron's "Spirit of Attack" award to 1st. Lt. Bryce Hardy.

The award is given to the student who has shown the most dedication to duty, best examples in attitude and flying skills and embodies the warrior spirit.

The Cactus Starfighter Squadron keeps the spirit of the F-104 training at Luke alive in other ways such as reunions, supporting local charities and promoting and financing the Arizona State University student exchange program.

"I hope the young folks realize the true meaning of this relationship," Vogler said. "We want the young generation of fighter pilots to learn from our mistakes. We are proud of what we are. We are proud of being fighter pilots."

Air Force best

NCO wins anti-terrorism award

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A security forces NCO assigned to the Mesa Research Site recently won the 1999 U.S. Air Force Anti-terrorism and Force Protection Innovation award.

Tech. Sgt. Ron Lambert, the site's security operations superintendent, earned the award for heightening terrorism awareness and deterring terrorism through aggressive defensive measures.

"Ron Lambert's leadership on the Warfighter Training Research Team continues to be the security cornerstone allowing mission accomplishment," said Col. Jerald Straw, Air Force Research Laboratory's Warfighter Training Research Division chief.

Lambert, a 15-year veteran, not only spearheaded anti-terrorism and force protection programs, but he also provided research and development support for the site's night vision device initiatives, Straw said.

One of Lambert's more complex initiatives involved a terrorist threat exercise in July 1999.

During the exercise, a person acting as a terrorist took several employees hostage and barricaded himself in one of the site's facilities, Lambert said.

What made this exercise unique was the interaction with nonmilitary organizations, including the Mesa Police Department and Arizona State University East. This interaction with nongovernment organizations was necessary, Lambert said, because the 6-acre site does not have military security forces, civil engineer or medical units assigned. It is at Williams Gateway Airport, the former Williams Air Force Base, Mesa.

"It can be pretty hard to get all those different agencies at the different levels — federal, state and local — to work together, especially if they've never done so before," Lambert said.

Before the exercise kicked off, Lambert provided de-



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Ron Lambert, Staff Sgt. Brad Schaade and Deke Joralmon, Mesa Research Site, review a night vision mission video.

tailed maps, response routes and photographs. In addition, responding units did walk-throughs of the facilities. That way those responding to an incident knew what the facilities looked like and were familiar with the unique aspects of each building, Lambert explained.

"The exercise was successful; it helped us prepare should this ever actually happen," Lambert said.

Other initiatives included writing an anti-terrorism guide for commanders.

"Because there weren't any security forces at our site before (Lambert was assigned), we had to develop from scratch different plans and programs for anti-terrorism," Lambert explained. "Once again, plans and programs we implemented are quite unique because a lot of anti-terrorism plans are geared toward a full-up installation. It gets challenging when you have to plan

—See **Award winner**, Page 8

Luke prepares for AF birthday

Tickets are on sale for the 53rd Annual Air Force Ball Sept. 16 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

The ball celebrates the establishment of the U.S. Air Force as an independent service, separate from the Army Air Force.

The Air Force became an independent service Sept. 18, 1947.

The National Security Act also established the positions of the secretary of the Air Force to head the Department of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff. The act also provided for a two-year transfer of Army Air Force functions to the Air Force, including all property, personnel and records.

The ball begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and music and dancing follow until midnight.

Maj. Gen. Steve Polk, 19th Air Force commander, is the guest speaker. Mess dress or semi-formal uniform is the appropriate attire for the evening.

Parking is available near the civic center and there will be shuttle service to and from Luke.

The child development center provides child care beginning at 5:45 p.m. Reservations are required.

Ticket prices vary according to rank and must be paid with cash or checks.

For senior airmen and below, tickets cost \$24 and for staff and technical sergeants tickets are \$28. Master sergeants and above pay \$35.

Tickets may be purchased through unit first sergeants or their designated representatives.

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people. Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of

command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

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| Who to call: | |
| Fraud, waste and abuse hotline | 856-6149 |
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| Military pay | 856-7028 |
| MPF customer service | 856-7874 |
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Action line synopsis

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line received inquiries from July 26 to Tuesday on IMPAC purchasing, retirement procedures, the Falcon Inn carry-out facility, nonappropriated fund employment procedures, base exchange restrooms, Saturday's wing work schedule, the foreign exchange pilot program and supply availability of backpack canteens.

I have tasked these concerns to the appropriate group commanders for review and disposition and they are being addressed.

The action line has received about 70 inquiries in 2000. All are treated with equal consideration and are handled by the appropriate staff agency. People who identify themselves and leave a means of contact are provided a personal response from that agency. Although the "Tallyho" can't print each concern, it generally prints questions and answers affecting a majority of the base readership.



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or call,
856-7011

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

| | To date | Goal |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Sorties flown | 31,249 | 37,902 |
| Flying hours | 41,620 | 49,803 |
| Pilot graduates | 692 | 876 |
| MRA graduates | 620 | 972 |

Luke people deployed:
AEF 7/8: 93
Others: 36

View from the top
AETC mission statement
should be simple, direct

By Gen. Hal Hornburg
AETC Commander

I believe the AETC mission statement should be simple and direct: To replenish the combat capability of our operational Air Force with highly trained and motivated airmen.

Granted, executing this mission is complex, but we should not lose "sight" of the ultimate goal as we work the details. That's why I believe every unit should have a "sight picture." Simply put, it's focusing our eyes on a certain target, then using the machinery and resources at our disposal to hit the target, dead center.

The First Command's sight picture ensures we focus on our priorities — what I call the four "U's" — the United States of America, the U.S. Air Force, the unit and "you" the individual.

Everything we do must first uphold the oaths we took upon entering the service. We swore to defend our country — not our individual service, base or home — but our country. We can never forget this oath. That's why I make it my top priority.

We all serve this great country for various reasons, but the sacrifices we make on a daily basis preserve the freedoms enjoyed by an entire nation. If it's not good for the nation, then it's not the right thing to do.

Our second priority must be the U.S. Air Force and our core values.

Adhering to our core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do helps us maintain

the framework necessary to carry out our responsibility as a premier fighting force. Fundamental and timeless in nature, our core values reach across the entire force.

The unit comes next on the priority list.

The best leaders forge an equitable balance between what's best for the unit and what's best for individuals. Even so, leaders occasionally must make tough decisions between an individual's desires and needs and unit mission requirements. The unit has to come first. Placing individual needs ahead of the mission will ultimately hurt the organization and affect more than just one person. It may not always be the most popular decision, but it will be the right decision.

In addition, commanders at all levels must make sure the burdens are shared as equally as possible and recognized appropriately.

Rounding out my top priorities is "you." Each and every individual is vital to the success of our command and America's Air Force.

As members of the First Command, we are the first "blue-suiters" with the Air Force's newest airmen. We recruit them, train and educate them, and then send them into the tough world of deployments, combat and other dangerous situations. America's Air Force is the world's best because of the basic foundation we instill in each new member. Quality airmen — motivated and trained to be the best — are our products and, without them, we are irrelevant.

Our Air Force and our nation depend on the quality of the airmen we graduate.

Let's not take 'hats off' to airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmuller
Hurlburt Field, Fla.

It's not often you'll get someone to admit they wasted government time while at work. I'm stepping up to that proverbial plate and saying, yep, I wasted nearly an hour of the taxpayers' money the other day.

It had been one of those weeks where you wonder if you're the last one to know some big, breaking news. Everywhere I turned someone was stepping out of a car, walking into a building, lollygagging around outside without his or her hat on.

Surely, I thought to myself, if the Air Force had rescinded the wear-the-hat-outside rule I'd have seen a blurb somewhere — Air Force Press Service, an e-mail from the first shirt, a note attached to some policy letter. But, I was beginning to think I was the last one to be notified of this important uniform change.

The airman in desert cammies sauntering into the off-base frozen drink place apparently got the word. The master sergeant waltzing around the housing area reading his mail saw the memo. The staff sergeant making a dash from the parking lot to the burger joint saw the news release. The starving airman hopping into the dining hall surely read the note from his commander about it.

Each one provided that "Are you stupid?" look when I asked about a hat, a beret, a cover or cap. Maybe, I

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was the last to know.

That's when I decided before I stopped one more person about their missing top cover that I'd better spend a little quality time on the Internet. I checked Air Force Link, Department of Defense Link, chief master sergeant of the Air Force's home page, I even pulled down a copy of Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

Not one mention, not one iota about a phase out for hats or a total abolishment of those pesky hair-messing gadgets. After nearly an hour of search engines and find-it buttons, I gave up.

I wasn't out of the loop, outside the G-turn, off my lane or on a different sheet of music. Furthermore, there are no references to

exceptions that allow excuses such as "I forgot it," "You don't need it in housing," "We don't wear them with this uniform," or, my personal favorite, "Yeah, whatever."

Feeling victorious in confirming I'm usually in on big news information, I was pretty cranky. Then, driving to work the next morning I saw someone else who reassured me the hat rules are followed.

A lieutenant had pulled her car into the median and appeared to be having tire trouble. Right behind her, an airman noticed the distress and pulled in to offer assistance. The nonhat wearers in the bunch may want to sit down for this next part. The airman gets out of his car, with his hat already on, walks over to the lieutenant and, no kidding, salutes! Off base, in the midst of morning rush hour traffic, in uniform he has his hat on and renders the proper military courtesies!

Hundreds of people are zipping by this well-traveled road, most late for work. However, this airman not only stops to help but also doesn't forget his military standards in the process. Future chief master sergeant of the Air Force, I say.

As I silently applauded the airman's military bearing, because I was driving and couldn't actually take my hands off the wheel, I wondered if he'd wasted any taxpayer's money searching for uniform changes, too.

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Master Sgt. Brandt Smith

Airman 1st Class Thurston Cotton, 56th Security Forces Squadron, apprehends a person portraying a terrorist.

Luke prepares for terrorism

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Experts evaluate Luke anti-terrorism programs Aug. 14 to 18 and examine base security measures. The Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment evaluates an installation's security every three years by order of the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman. Although this is a look at anti-terrorism, it is not a security forces inspection. The team will look at everybody, said Tech. Sgt. Pat Bergeron, 56th Fighter Wing anti-terrorism NCO. Explosive ordnance disposal, bioenvironmental, fire department, search and recovery team, hospital, communications, postal services and security forces are areas of prime concern. "The team will visit various squadrons throughout the base," said Capt. Junko Springer, 56th Security Forces Squadron operations officer. "They may visit everywhere from the flying squadrons to the support facilities." The team will make recommendations for the base to use in building a stronger anti-terrorism program, Springer said. "The base can expect a top-to-bottom look, more so from the bottom to the top," Bergeron said. "The evaluation team will go to all facilities to see if they know what to do, where their rally points are, how they're going to evacuate, and who's responsible." The team will check squadron procedures and test Team Luke's anti-terrorism knowledge. "They're going to contact base airmen and ask them what their anti-terrorism knowledge level is," Bergeron said. "Initially they (airmen) are taught anti-terrorism in warrior week at basic training. When they get to the First Term Airman Center, I teach an hour course on anti-terrorism actions, which is followed up by supervisors and security managers." Questions asked by the team are general knowledge items that everyone should know, Bergeron said. "People need to know the difference between threat con-

ditions or THREATCONs and the terrorist threat level associated with each," Bergeron said. "There are five levels of each program and people confuse the two. Although they are separate, they are interlinked. The threat levels are what drive us into a higher THREATCON. "THREATCONs are used to identify the protection and procedures people need to accomplish," Bergeron explained. "The threat levels are what help us decide what THREATCON to use." Installation commanders can change THREATCONs if they receive intelligence there is a threat to the base, Bergeron explained. The THREATCON can also be changed by higher headquarters or the joint chiefs through a TCAM, or threat condition alerting message, which drives the base into a higher THREATCON. Threat levels are set by the local intelligence community, which include Air Force Office of Special Investigation, the FBI and local police counter intelligence officers, Bergeron said. Threat levels are not fixed, they are a work in progress. The information the intelligence community receives is passed to the base threat working group, who then makes recommendations to the commander. Bergeron reminds people anti-terrorism awareness should be a daily practice to keep Luke and its people safe. "Everybody needs to look out for suspicious packages and vehicles parked around buildings," Bergeron said. "When people receive parcels, they should check it out before signing for it. Look for signs of a parcel bomb, like one side is too heavy, oil stains — anything out of the ordinary. If an unknown person is in a facility, Bergeron recommends asking them who they are and how they can be assisted. "Don't let people just wander around," Bergeron said. Bergeron said criminal actions can also raise threat levels. "People just need to remain security conscious," Bergeron said. For more information on specific threat levels and THREATCONS, see Page 6.

Thunderbolt Pilot of the Week

Name: 1st Lt. Bryce "Rotor" Hardy, 63rd Fighter Squadron F-16 fighter pilot
Hometown: LaPorte City, Iowa
Years in service: Nine years in Army, three years in Air Force
Family: Wife, Theresa, and 14-month-old daughter, Jordan
Education: Graduated from the University of New York with a bachelor's degree in sociology
Assignment: Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
Goals: Get to Cannon and learn to be a good wingman.
Greatest feat: Finishing my four-year degree while in the Army flying helicopters all over the world.
Awards: Hardy graduated Saturday from the F-16 basic course. He was one of three distinguished graduates, overall top graduate, best air-to-ground top gun and won the "Spirit of Attack Award" given to the student who shows the most dedication to duty, best attitude and flying skills and embodies the "warrior spirit."

"Receiving the 'Spirit of Attack' award is quite an honor," Hardy said. "This is very different from other awards because it's not based on academic record or dropping the best bombs, but on the subjective opinions of squadron members as having the warrior spirit and good fighter pilot qualities."

Lt. Col. Robert Topp, 63rd FS commander, said Hardy's work ethic and attention to detail is what distinguishes him from his peers.

"His distinction as the No. 1 graduate is evidence of his superior flying ability and 'can-do-attitude,' Topp said. His fighting spirit and desire to help others characterize him as our squadron's top grad."



Hardy

News Briefs

Saturday flying operations

The 56th Fighter Wing flies Saturday to meet fiscal year 2000 sortie and flying hour obligations. All active-duty members are required to report to duty. Squadron commanders determine which civilian employees are required to accomplish the flying mission. The Falcon Flight Kitchen is open from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. The fitness center opens at 6 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. All other facilities are open normal weekend hours.

Change of command

Lt. Col. James Teaford relinquishes command of the 56th Supply Squadron to Maj. Peter Hofelich at a ceremony Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. A reception follows.

Estate claims

- ♦ Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Chief Master Sgt. Leon McCoy should contact Lt. Col. John James, 56th Medical Support Squadron summary courts officer, at 856-7104 or 856-3068.
- ♦ Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Airman Kristin Zettelmier should contact 1st Lt. Lynda Lovell, 607th Air Control Squadron summary courts officer, at 856-7720.

Women, boss of the year luncheon

The Women and Boss of the Year luncheon is Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon at the enlisted club ballroom. The Federal Womens Program Committee-sponsored event features Lt. Col. Margaret Matarese, 56th Medical Operations Squadron commander, as guest speaker. Tickets are \$6.50 and sold by any FWP representative until Aug. 11. For more information, call Sharon Brown at 856-4040.

Housing construction

Great Southwestern Construction Inc. contractors began digging Tuesday in military family housing backyards to connect underground lines between the electrical transformers, phone and cable television pedestals and the houses. All overhead lines will eventually be removed. The project lasts about one year. For more information, call John DeMaria at 856-6622.

Civilian leave donations

Naomi Decuire, 56th Contracting Squadron, solicits approximately 150 hours of civilian annual leave donations due to an emergency surgery. As little as one hour can be donated. For more information or to make a donation, pick up an application at the civilian personnel flight at the 56th Support Center Building, Room 1172. People can send a fax of completed forms to 856-3968.

Command chiefs needed

- ♦ The Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., seeks a command chief master sergeant. The reporting date is Nov. 15, but applications are due Aug. 15. For more information, call DSN 872-8888.
- ♦ The 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., seeks a command chief. The reporting date is Sept. 30, but applications are due Aug. 18. For more information, call DSN 742-7005.

Household goods claims briefing

Household goods claims briefings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the legal office. People are required to have this briefing before filing a claim. DD Form 1840R must be turned into the legal office within 70 days from the delivery date of household goods. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Johnnie Dorris at 856-7371.

Justice Report

The following judicial action occurred at Luke between July 24 and Monday:

- ♦An airman received an Article 15 for failure to go and failure to obey a lawful order. He also received a suspended reduction to E-1 and 30 days extra duty.

- ♦An airman first class received an Article 15 for failure to go, a suspended reduction to E-2, \$100 forfeiture for two months, 45 days extra duty and 45 days restriction.

Luke superstore opens for business

By Senior Airman
Jennifer Dixon
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke commissary opened its doors as a superstore July 26 after a two-day closure as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's project to make commissaries more user-friendly.

DeCA officials, hoping to make grocery shopping more convenient for their customers, rearranged the commissary layout and made it into a superstore.

"I think the store looks wonderful," said Yvonne Raxter, a retiree family member. It was the first time she and her husband had shopped at the store since the changes were made.

"It's going to take once or twice coming here to get used to it, but that's not a problem," she said.

Store director Roy Mitson agrees. He too believes everyone will like the changes once they get used to them.

"We've made it easier for the customer to build their basket," Mitson said.

Fruits and vegetables are at the front of the store, so they can be put into the top basket. Next come



Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes
Airman 1st Class Chris Ocker, 310th Fighter Squadron, shops at the newly rearranged Luke commissary that opened its doors July 26.

the soaps, household cleaning supplies, other nonfood and bulky items.

The food starts with canned items, then regular food items — meats, juices, boxed items and such — and

ends with bread and eggs closest to the registers.

By doing this, shoppers can put the heavy and big items at the bottom of their carts without squash-

ing the bread, Mitson said.

"We think it looks a lot nicer and more organized," said Airman 1st Class Duke Newsome, 308th Fighter Squadron.

"We're still making changes and learning as we go," Mitson said. "Each item is evaluated on its selling power. Those items that don't sell fast will have less shelf space than items that sell fast."

Coolers are also being installed throughout the store. This idea puts ready-to-eat items, like pastas, with the make-at-home items, like dry noodles and sauces, Mitson said. The commissary staff is putting cold juices with the warm juices and cold coffee creamers with the powdered variety, keeping like items together.

"I like the coolers," said Sally Cordova, a retiree family member. "They really attract attention to some items you might forget about or not even see."

Several customers said items are now easier to find.

"Now, similar items are together instead of spread out," Newsome said.

To help stop the confusion, the commissary has printed store maps illustrating where items are located, Mitson said. The next program on the agenda is "Shop and Go."

Court martial

Jury discharges airman for rape

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An airman assigned to the 56th Logistics Support Squadron received a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of pay and allowances and reduction to E-1 after being found guilty of raping an 18-year-old college student Dec. 14.

Airman 1st Class Charles Franklin was found guilty July 26 at a general court-martial after nine days of trial with almost 20 witnesses and four experts.

This was a long, grueling trial charged with a lot of emotion, said Capt. Faisal Siddiqui, 56th Fighter Wing assistant staff judge advocate attorney and trial counsel. The victim was on the stand for 11 hours over a two-day period.

"Hopefully, service members will remember they represent the Air Force wherever they are. The Air Force will not tolerate this kind of conduct — this is the message jury members are sending," said Maj. David Kendrick, 56th FW deputy staff judge advocate.

Franklin joined the Air Force May 19, 1999. He was sent to Luke on a temporary-duty to attend the Mission Ready Airman program for crew chief training. When charged with the crime, he was kept here for court proceedings.

"I believe the results in this case are important not

only for the victim and her family but for our base as a whole," Siddiqui said. "Franklin was here for a mere 20 work days when he raped the victim. Air Force members are held accountable for their actions even when they are away from their permanent duty stations."

While visiting the Mill Avenue area in Tempe with four other male members of Luke, Franklin met three female Arizona State University students, including the victim. During the women's second visit to Luke, the victim testified Franklin raped her in a dormitory alcove. Franklin testified that sexual intercourse was consensual.

The victim was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room at McDowell and 12th Street. After receiving medical care, the hospital physician informed Luke security forces of a possible rape due to the nature of her injuries. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was then notified and they began an investigation.

"We don't wait for a victim to make a complaint," Siddiqui said. "At this point, the victim is basically a witness. The victim has no control over whether a perpetrator is prosecuted or not."

Because Franklin is a convicted rapist, as a felon he is required to register in each state he lives as a sexual offender.

DOD issues cards

for food stamp users

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Service members who qualify for the food stamp program may soon get debit cards to use in commissaries, Defense Department officials said July 28.

Defense Secretary William Cohen told reporters at the Pentagon the DOD-issued cards would be credited with a fixed monthly value based on the user's rank and family size. The plan would be optional and cost \$31.5 million per year. Members can't participate in both programs.

Cohen called the cards necessary because food stamp rules create an inequity between service members who live on and off base. Under eligibility guidelines, the value of base housing isn't counted as income, but off-base housing allowances are. The cards would end the inequity by not counting housing allowances as income, DOD officials said.

Cohen said the proposed debit card program would be more convenient because it would be administered by bases and members wouldn't have to travel for services.

The plan still needs congressional approval. The plan will likely be covered in the fiscal year 2002 budget request.

DOD officials estimate about 6,300 households to participate. That's less than .5 percent of the force.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

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Hometown: Belle Fourche, S.D.

Years service: 15

Family: Daughter, Amber, 11; and son, Austin, 10

Education: Earned my Community College of the Air Force associate's degree and I'm working on my bachelor's degree in computer information systems

Inspirations: My mom who is working on her master's degree, and my children, who keep me focused.

Goals: Earn my four-year degree and teach my children to be good adults

Greatest feat: Growing up and raising my children

Self-description: Goal oriented, great listener, friend

Famous last words: With age comes wisdom

Off duty: Aerobics, hiking, boating, traveling and reading

Bad habits: Being selfish, judgemental and sleeping long hours

Commander's comments: "Misti is a role model NCO," said Col. Bob Steel, 56th OG commander. "The command section runs smoothly because of her professionalism and dedication. As a recent graduate of the NCO Academy, Misti has a bright future ahead of her."



Hinson

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Roy Mitson, Luke commissary store director

Hometown: Coeur d'Adlene, Idaho

Family: Wife, Van

Previous Assignments: Served in 16 various commissary management assignments throughout the United States and Italy

Inspirations: My mentors throughout the years

Goals: To provide the best customer service ever

Greatest feat: Providing American-type foods for President Reagan during his peace talk summit in Italy and receiving a personal tour of Air Force One

Famous last words: If you pass by it, you approve it.

Self-description: Concerned, caring individual who likes positive attitudes

Off duty: Love golf and a good challenge

Bad habits: Three putting

Commander's comments: "I think Roy is making a concerted effort to bring Team Luke the finest fruits and vegetables section in the U.S. Air Force and he's recently converted Luke's commissary into a 'superstore' format," Sargeant said. "His individual effort is making a huge impact on the quality of life for our folks."



Mitson

Luke’s Finest

Each month the Luke Chiefs Group chooses an airman who goes above and beyond the call of duty as Luke’s Finest.

Name: Senior Airman Kendall Grasty, 62nd Fighter Squadron crew chief
Hometown: Cookeville, Tenn.
Years in service: Two
Family: Mother, Wanda; father, Junior; sisters Amy Grasty and Kimberly Smith; and wife, Lorie
Inspirations: Mother, father and wife
Goals: To become a fighter pilot and retire as a colonel
Greatest feat: Surviving after growing up with two tomboy sisters
Self-description: High standards, focused and highly motivated
Famous last words: Hey, watch this!
Off duty: Mountain biking and climbing, weight lifting, motorcycling and most other exercise rituals
Bad habits: Procrastination and driving my wife’s 1998 Mustang GT to the fullest limits



Grasty

Understand THREATCONs, levels

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

With the Joint Service Integrated Vulnerability Assessment beginning Aug. 14, Luke members need to know basic anti-terrorism terms.

The basics consist of threat conditions and threat levels. Both programs are covered in detail by Air Force Instruction 31-210, “Air Force Anti-terrorism and Force Protection Program Standards.”

Tech. Sgt. Pat Bergeron, 56th Fighter Wing anti-terrorism NCO, who teaches anti-terrorism to security managers and First Term Airman Center students has summarized the definitions for Team Luke.

THREATCONs

Normal: Day-to-day operation.
Alpha: Initiated when there is a general threat of terrorist activity against personnel or facilities.
Bravo: Applies when there is an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity.

Charlie: Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorism is likely.
Delta: A terrorist activity has already taken place or is going on.
“People get Bravo and Charlie confused all the time. A good way to remember the difference is Charlie is implemented for a short time, only long enough to neutralize the problem, and Bravo is maintained long term,” Bergeron said.

Threat levels

The terrorist threat levels that coincide with THREATCONs are:
Negligible: The existence or capability of terrorist organizations does not exist in the area.
Low: Terrorists exist in the area and are capable of hitting military targets, but they do not have a history of attacking a military base.
Medium: Terrorists exist, are capable and have a history of attacking military targets. They could also have intentions of hitting a base.
High: All factors of existence, capability and targeting are all present.

“Each one of these threat levels lines up with the associated THREATCON, this is why people confuse them,” Bergeron said.

Top 3 inducts Luke tech sgts

By Kristen M. Butler
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

About 70 Luke technical sergeants were initiated as senior NCOs July 28 during an induction ceremony at the Desert Star Enlisted Club.

The Luke Top 3, Chiefs Group, First Sergeants Council and the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1260 hosted the inaugural event.

“The Top 3 decided we should prepare new senior NCOs for challenges that lie ahead,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Crissinger, 56th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent and event chairman. “We came up with the induction ceremony and hope to make it a yearly event.”

In front of friends, family and co-workers including unit commanders, first sergeants and chiefs, the master sergeant selects were treated to an event conducted entirely by senior NCOs. In fact, the master of ceremonies was a senior master sergeant, an honor guard team of senior NCOs posted the colors and a chief sang the national anthem.

The highlight of the evening was when 56th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Isakson administered the senior NCO charge to Luke’s newest inductees. The charge advises young senior NCOs of their upcoming mentoring and leadership responsibilities.

“... You have not merely been promoted one pay grade, you have joined an exclusive group and, as in all groups, you have responsibility to your comrades even as they have responsibility to you,” Isakson said as he read the charge. “This vital and highly regarded position you have now reached exists because of the attitude and performance of senior NCOs before you. It shall exist only so long as you and your fellow senior NCOs maintain these standards.”

After the charge, each participant emerged through an honor cordon of raised sabers with certificate in hand.

“I was really surprised by the turnout,” said Tech. Sgt. Don Crowe, 56th Mission Support Squadron. “I recommend they continue the tradition — it gets you psyched up for the challenges ahead.”

Air Force officials reverse spare parts shortfall

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force logistics community continues efforts to reverse a negative trend in spare parts availability. The result is a 54-percent reduction in backorders for repairable spare parts since December 1998, officials said.

The latest monthly total not mission capable for supply rate — measuring the number of aircraft unable to fly due to lack of spare parts — for Air Combat Command fighter aircraft is 11.4 percent and is the best in 24 months.

“What we are seeing is a general improvement in spares support, but we remain cautiously optimistic, realizing we must continue to work hard to ensure these trends continue,” said Lt. Col. Tom Meredith, supply management activity group chief, in the Air Force Aircraft and Missile Support Division.

In recent years, constrained spare parts funding combined with an unusually high operations tempo and an aging

fleet degraded the level of spare parts sustainability, Meredith said.

As a result, over the last decade, supply shortfalls directly contributed to an increase in nonmission capable rates.

Without the spare parts available to keep aircraft flying required sorties, maintenance troops often have to resort to cannibalizing spare parts from one aircraft to repair another.

According to Meredith, the Air Force has really been focusing on reversing this cannibalization trend because it doubles the workload for maintainers.

The biggest factor contributing to recent improvements in spares availability is the partnership between the Air Staff, Air Force Materiel Command and the operational commands to establish a more accurate picture of what is required to fly and increased funding, Meredith said.

“We began increasing spares funding since fiscal 1998 and were able to fully fund 100 percent of the major commands’ spares accounts for flying beginning with the FY 00 president’s budget,” he said.



Airman 1st Class Julie Simmons

Staff Sgt. Robert Schmitt, 309th Fighter Squadron crew chief, works on an F-16 engine. Air Force officials attribute the recent improvements in spares availability to a more accurate picture of what is required to fly the fleet combined with increased funding.

Award winner

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for civilian response that you can normally count on in normal security forces.”

Still, other initiatives included installing a fence around the site’s perimeter, beefing access control for the site’s buildings and having fragmentation retention film applied to the windows. The film prevents glass from scattering after an explosion.

Even with all these initiatives, Lambert still found the time to help researchers initiate a new training course for fellow security forces members worldwide.

About a year ago, Lambert visited the laboratory’s detachment at Luke, which is responsible for training pilots to use the night vision device. He and his colleague, Staff Sgt. Brad Schaade, came up with the idea to develop a course for security forces.

“The type of training we’re hoping for is much more extensive than what they currently receive,” Lambert said. “Usually the training is written documentation like TOs (technical orders) or from security forces CDCs (career development courses). You basically go over some of the operations and that’s it.”

The plan is for the course to be interactive and more than just academics. Video illustrations and hands-on training are also planned, said research psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Martin, AFRL Warfighter Training Division.

The training course is in the analysis stage. Input from 56th Security Forces Squadron members has been valuable to the program, Martin said.

Lambert’s efforts in garnering support from the 56th SFS was valuable, Straw added.

Lambert shrugs off most of the attention he has received because of the award saying that winning was a team effort.

“Winning the award was a team effort between AFMC (Air Force Material Command), AFRL and the cooperation of all the people at the site,” Lambert said. “I know it’s an individual award, but the Mesa Research Site as a whole really deserves the recognition. We’re a small site and we have an important mission. I’m just glad I could support that.”

RMO seeks public comment

The Air Force, Navy, U.S. Department of Interior and the State of Arizona are preparing an environmental impact statement to evaluate the environmental affects of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

The statement is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations.

When the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999, Public Law 106-65, was signed into law Oct. 5, about 1.7 million acres of the Goldwater Range land withdrawal was renewed to allow continued Defense Department use in training for aerial gunnery, electronic warfare, tactical maneuvering, air support and other defense-related purposes.

This law also contained specific provisions for the development of an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan to address resource management on the renewed range. The development of the plan, which will address resource management of the renewed range, is a logical progression of the range renewal process.

Just as public involvement was an important component in the range renewal process, it will continue to be essential in developing a plan for the range, said 56th Range Management officials.

Public scoping meetings are on the following dates:

- ♦ Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 7121 N. 57th Ave.
- ♦ Tuesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ajo Com-

munity Center, 290 E. 5th St., Ajo, Ariz.

- ♦ Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the El Rio Center, 1390 W. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, Ariz.
- ♦ Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kofa High School, 3100 Avenue A, Yuma, Ariz.
- ♦ Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gila Bend Union High School, 308 N. Martin Gila Bend, Ariz.
- ♦ Aug. 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tribal Council Chambers, Sells, Ariz.

Air Force, Marine Corps, Interior Department and State of Arizona representatives will be available at these meetings to receive comments from the public. Federal, state and local agencies, any affected Native American tribes and interested individuals are encouraged to take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the statement.

Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comment on issues that are important to them.

Comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics, which the statement should address. They can be mailed to: BMGR INRMP, P.O. Box 67132, Phoenix, AZ 85082-7132. Comments must be received no later than Aug. 28, to ensure full consideration in the environmental impact statement.

For more information, contact Bob Barry at the 56th RMO, 6605 North 140th Drive, Luke AFB, AZ 85309-1934 or call 856-3823 ext. 242 *(Courtesy of the 56th RMO)*

Officials suggest early registration

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. (AFPN) — Event organizers strongly recommend early registration for everyone planning to attend the 2000 Air Force Information Technology Conference Aug. 28 to 31 at Montgomery, Ala.

“Registration has never been easier,” said Capt. Bobby King, AFITC chairman. “The on-line registration process now takes a matter of seconds from the time you log onto the system to the time you receive a registration confirmation message.”

“Combating Computer Terrorism” is the theme of the conference, sponsored by the Air Force’s Standard Systems Group and the city of Montgomery.

The conference is designed to bring computer users up to date on the efforts of industry and government agencies through presentations by Air Force and industry senior leaders.

With more than 4,000 attendees expected, early registration will reduce administrative time for workers and attendees, alike, King said. Registration is required to receive a name badge, which serves as the attendees’ pass to enter the exhibition floor.

To register for the conference, visit the AFITC web site at web1.ssg.gunter.af.mil/AFITC/, or call King at (334) 416-1075 or DSN 596-1075; or 1st Lt. Aly Vrosh at (334) 416-2082 or DSN 596-2082 for more information.

On a wing and a prayer

Chapel staff offers more than prayers

By Deborah Davis
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

People practice their faith in different ways. Some attend church regularly, while others choose to exercise religion more quietly, praying alone or in small groups.

Regardless of an individual's faith, the base chapel is here to help meet the spiritual needs of military members, retirees and their families.

Chapel programs and activities promote the exercise of free religion and are not limited to people who practice Catholic or Protestant faiths, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Jones, 56th Fighter Wing chaplain.

The chapel staff also provides referrals to people who desire spiritual support from other faith groups.

"It's all about helping people and providing care," Jones said.

Counseling is one aspect of chaplain care that is provided on a one-to-one or couple basis. A chaplain can provide insight to individuals who are confronted with adverse life situations and, if needed, refer them to specialized counselors.

"Premarital counseling prepares couples for marriage by providing them realistic expectations before making a big commitment," Jones said.

Luke chaplains listen and acknowledge a military member's right to privileged communication.

"Privileged communication is when an individual can talk with a chaplain and what they say is truly privileged communication; it goes no further than the chaplain," Jones said.

Counseling and worship services provide Luke members the opportunity to grow in their faith.

"One benefit of attending chapel services at Luke is the chaplain and congregation understand the unique situations that military families encounter," said Tech. Sgt. Nemesio Diego, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 12. "Such understanding brings a strong sense of camaraderie."

Catholic Mass is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel. Weekday Mass is also at noon at the community chapel.

"Attending weekday Mass offers Luke members peace of mind and a spiritually rewarding lunch break," Diego said.

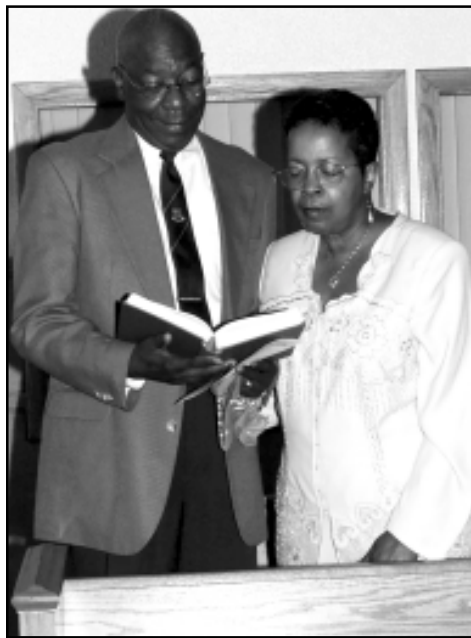
The chapel also provides a variety of Sunday Protestant worship services.

Episcopal-Lutheran Holy Communion is at 8 a.m., traditional Protestant service is at 11 a.m. and an evening praise and worship service is at 6 p.m. in the community chapel. There is also an 8:30 a.m.



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones

Deacon Jim Pflieger and Father (Lt. Col.) Brian Bell celebrate Sunday Mass at the Luke Community Chapel.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Ed and Naomi Decuire attend Gospel Service Sunday at the Chapel on the Mall.

Gospel service at the Chapel on the Mall.

Furthermore, Bible studies provide an opportunity to build new friendships with Luke members and are offered at various times and locations.

"Bible study groups are aimed to suit individual needs," Jones said. "They offer classes for couples, youths and single people."

The chapel also sponsors Catholic and Protestant Vacation Bible Schools. Bible school is an annual summer activity geared toward preschool age children and older.

"At VBS, children are given the opportunity to participate in crafts, skits, games, prayer and to learn God's love for them," Jones said.

If a Luke member experiences a crisis after duty hours, a chaplain is available for counseling and can be reached through the command post at 856-5600 or 856-5800.

For additional information regarding chapel programs and activities call the chapel at 856-6211.



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Jones prays with his daughter, Mikayla.



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones

Vacation Bible School participants and their instructor gather in a circle for prayer.



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones

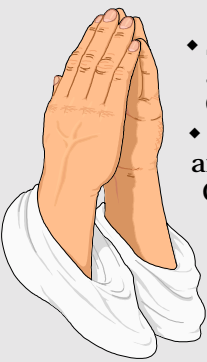
Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Searle counsels a married couple.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke's Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

- Protestant worship
- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
 - ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.



- Catholic worship
- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.

For more information, call 856-6211.

High ozone day reminders

- Don't forget, on high ozone days:
- ♦Reduce driving by car or van pooling.
 - ♦Refuel vehicles after 4 p.m. and never top off.
 - ♦Keep vehicles tuned.
 - ♦Avoid gas-powered garden equipment.
 - ♦Close lids tightly on household cleaners, paints and chemicals.

Around Base

Home buying seminar

A home buying seminar sponsored by the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron housing flight is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 30 in Bldg. 1150, Room 1046. To reserve a seat, call 856-3008.

Rio Salado begins fall term

Rio Salado Community College begins its fall term Aug. 21. To register for classes or for more information, stop by Bldg. 1150, Room 3138 or call 856-3239.

C4I Technology Exhibition

The 18th Annual C4I Technology Exhibition is Oct. 3 to 5 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Sponsored by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, the exhibit features technology for the command, control, communications, computers and intelligence systems field. Visit the www.laser-options.com/afcea web site for more information.

American Red Cross classes

- The American Red Cross offers the following classes:
- ♦ An adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class is Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. Enrollment is open to military identification card holders, their family members and Luke civilian employees. The cost is \$22 with registration and prepayment required.
 - ♦ An Emergency Assistance I class is Aug. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. This free class teaches people skills necessary to help disaster victims.
 - ♦ An American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. There are many volunteer positions open with days

and hours to fit everyone's schedule. To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

San Diego weekend golfing trip

Outdoor recreation sponsors a weekend golfing trip to San Diego Sept. 1 to 4. Golfers can play at the Torrey Pines in La Jolla, the Naval Air Station Coronado course and the Coronado Country Club. Cost is \$300 per person. It includes round trip transportation, greens fees, three nights lodging and a sightseeing trolley tour of San Diego. Meals are not included. Register by today. A 50-percent deposit is required. For more information, call 856-9334.

Luke Elementary School hours

Luke Elementary School hours for 1st through 8th grade students on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. On Wednesdays the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Morning kindergarten hours are 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. On Wednesdays the hours are 12:15 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 876-7300.

Embry-Riddle begins summer term

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University begins its summer term Monday. Registration ends Aug. 11. All classes start at 5 p.m. The term ends Oct. 5. For registration information, call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Slide Rock trip

Outdoor recreation offers a day trip Aug. 12 from 7 a.m. to about 6 p.m. to the Slide Rock Recreation Area in Sedona, Ariz. Van departs from Bldg. 247. Cost is \$25 per person and includes round trip transportation, lunch, soft drinks and snacks. Register by Monday. For more information, call 867-9334 or 856-6267.

Tops in Blue ...



Courtesy photo

Tops in Blue cast members perform a segment of this year's performance, "If You Believe." Tops in Blue performs a free show Sunday at 8 p.m. at Fowler Park. Show highlights include music from popular animated shows. The show's sponsors, AT&T and USPA & IRA, are providing two gift certificates. Attendees can register to win a \$200 Army and Air Force Exchange Service certificate provided by USPA & IRA or a \$200 certificate from AT&T before the show. Tickets are not required, but bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and coolers for refreshments. Call 856-7469 for more details.

16 & Counting Workshop

A 16 & Counting Workshop for military members with more than 16 years in the service is 8:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the 56th Family Support Center classroom. The workshop helps members with their retirement plans. Call 856-6841 or 856-3143 for reservations.

Surplus vehicles

The 56th Services Squadron is accepting sealed bids for surplus vehicles until Aug. 18. Vehicles include a 1989 Ford 23-passenger bus, 1990 Ford 21-passenger bus, 1985 Ford 21-passenger bus and a 1984 Chevrolet pickup.

Vehicles may be viewed in the parking lot behind the Luke Lanes bowling center. 56th SVS will notify the highest bidder by Aug. 25.

For more information, call Patricia Weld at 856-6710 or Ted Warlick at 856-4907.

AAFES, 56th SVS Partnership

The second annual Army and Air Force Exchange Service and 56th Services Squadron Partnership promotion ends Sunday.

AAFES customers with purchases of \$75 or more receive a buy-one, get-one free coupon for greens fees at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course or Xtreme bowling Friday or Saturday nights at the Luke Lanes Bowling Center.

For more information, call 856-7469.

Salutes

Quarterly award winners

56th Operations Group

The following 56th Operations Group are the group's quarterly award winners:

Field grade officer: Maj. Robert Richards, 21st Fighter Squadron

Company grade officer: Capt. David Walker, 61st Fighter Squadron

Instructor pilot: Capt. Matthew Roberson, 56th Operations Support Squadron

Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Alvin Wright, 56th OSS

NCO: Staff Sgt. David Flowers, 21st FS

Airman: Senior Airman Michael Mannino, 308th Fighter Squadron

Civilian, GS-7 and above: William Dunkerly, 56th Training Squadron

Civilian, GS-6 and below: Christy Wells, 310th Fighter Squadron



Information, Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. Tickets for a variety of community events are available. For locations, times and events, call 856-6000.

Tours

Algodones, Mexico

A trip to Algodones, Mexico, departs Saturday from Bldg. 700 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Laughlin, Nev.

A trip to the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nev., departs Sunday and Aug. 20 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m.

The \$5 per person cost includes transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet, coupons for casino action and gift shops. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Nogales, Mexico

A trip to Nogales, Mexico, departs Aug. 19 from Bldg. 700 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



Today, Saturday

Rocky & Bullwinkle (PG)

Stars Jason Alexander, Monica Potter, Rene Russo, Randy Quaid and Robert DeNiro.

The notorious No-Goodniks from Pottsylvania — Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale — are back and up to no good. This time they have managed to break the secret code and make the leap from their cartoon existence into the real world.

Led by the criminal mastermind Fearless Leader, Boris and Natasha devise a plot to take over the world and, while they are at it, get rid of their longtime foes from Frostbite Falls, Rocky and Bullwinkle.

Teaming up with rookie FBI agent Karen Sympathy, moose and squirrel come face to snout with their dreaded nemeses. But first, Rocky and Bullwinkle must blend into the real world, hardly an easy task for a 400-pound moose and a squirrel who thinks

he can fly.

It is up to them to foil Fearless Leader's evil plot to unseat U.S. President Signoff through the creation of a new, omniscient, mindless television network, RBTv. The network is set to hypnotize the entire population by election day.



Sunday

Boys and Girls (PG-13)

Stars Freddie Prince Jr., Claire Forlani and Jason Biggs.

Ryan and Jennifer are opposites who definitely do not attract. At least that's what they have always believed.

When they met as 12-year-olds, they disliked one another. When they met again as teenagers, they loathed each other.

However, when they meet in college, the uptight Ryan and the free-spirited Jennifer find that their differences bind them together and a rare friendship develops.

With the help of their roommates — the wacky and ever hopeful Hunter and the flirtatious Amy — they're about to find out what men really want, what women definitely need and what happens to friends when going for it goes too far.



Aug. 11

Me, Myself and Irene (R)

Stars Jim Carey, Renee Zellweger, Robert Foster and Chris Cooper.

Meet Charlie Baileygates, a 17-year veteran of the Rhode Island police force.

Charlie is mild-mannered, hard-working, always helpful, and a devoted and loving father to three sons.

Unfortunately, Charlie has split personality disorder, and when he runs out of his medication, he turns into Hank Baileygates, Charlie's hyper-sensitive alter-ego.

Hank's got a filthy mouth, drinks like a fish, breaks skulls and loves dirty, dirty sex.

Charlie and Hank have nothing in common with the exception of Irene Waters, a beautiful woman on the lam with whom they have both fallen in love.

Now, Hank must wage war — with himself — for the confused Irene's affections.

Movie Line

For a recording of what's showing at the theater, call 856-6461.



Falcons indoor soccer season continues

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke indoor soccer team battled the downtown All Stars team to a bitter 4-1 loss Friday at the Phoenix Soccer Center, located at 35th Ave. and Indian School Road.

The young All Stars team came out at full speed and almost immediately put a ball at the back of the net. This early score didn't deter the Falcon's from being aggressive and putting several shots on goal.

Both teams equally controlled the ball; however, the All Stars put more shots on goal.

The Falcons stopped many of the All Stars solid shots thanks to their new goalie David Fewkes. Throwing his body into his work, Fewkes blocked almost every ball sent his way. This included several one-on-one and off the crossbar attempts.

Even with Fewkes solid defense, the

Falcons had trouble putting plays together because of many new players. Though Drew Hall, Gene Korleski, and other Falcons put shots on goal none made it to the back of the net.

The All Stars managed two more goals during the first half, both tossed in because of solid passing in front of the goal. The half ended with the All Stars at 3 and Luke with zip.

Fewkes was even stronger in the second half, keeping the energetic All Stars to 1 goal, which was again scored on a pass in front of the goal.

The Falcons finally put one in with a strong pass from Hall to Korleski, making the score 4-1 in the All Stars favor. The Falcons offense needed to put more shots on goal, but just couldn't pull it off even with their strong defensive play.

The Falcons next game is Friday at 7:40 p.m at the Phoenix Soccer Center. They practice Tuesdays and Thursdays and 7 p.m. at the base soccer field.



Senior Airman Aaron Marcus
Falcon team mates John Kasl chases down Jimmy Kinsey as he tries to score during practice Tuesday at the base soccer field.

Body building

NCO takes fifth in Arizona

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke NCO recently placed fifth in the Arizona State Body Building Championship at the Chandler Center of Arts.

Like most people, Staff Sgt. Anthony Griffin, 56th Medical Operations Squadron allergies and immunization technician, had a fitness goal. Again, like many people, Griffin was not focused or motivated enough to reach that goal.

Two years ago his motivation finally arrived in a picture. It wasn't a poster of a sleek body builder he wanted to look like, but rather a picture of himself slightly overweight and out of shape.

"I've always wanted to be a body builder, but I was not focused enough," Griffin said. When he saw that picture, he knew he had to work out and get in shape.

From there, Griffin began reading books and fitness magazines to learn fitness and eating tips.

But the going wasn't easy. Griffin, like most people who begin workout programs, faced a few challenges.

"When I began learning exercises, I was using poor technique and I tore the rotator cuff in my shoulder," Griffin said.

But Griffin didn't give up his dream. Instead, he went through two months of physical therapy and

spent more time learning how to properly perform exercises to prevent further injuries.

Knowing he wanted to be a body builder and actually competing are two different things. Months of preparation is required before competitions. To prepare, Griffin added an hour of cardio exercise each day to his normal workout routine, which included weight training four times a week. Griffin also lost 52 pounds to put him at a competition weight of 144 pounds. At 5 feet 8 inches, Griffin was down to 4- percent body fat.

Griffin did this with the help of Frank Kramer, an Air Force Reservist and competition body builder. All for 90 seconds of fame. That's how long competitors have to show the judges their physique. Griffin used that time well, placing fifth in the bantam weight class.

Still not satisfied with this accomplishment Griffin raised his goal.

"I dieted and lost too much weight for this competition," Griffin said. "Next time I want to be in the middle weight class."

Griffin hopes to have a competition weight of 175 pounds for the U.S. western regional. To get there, Griffin will continue his weight training and a solid diet. According to Griffin, a good diet is 80 percent of body building.

"(People who want to get into body building) need a sound diet plan and persistence," Griffin said. "Set realistic goals and go for them."



Courtesy photo
Griffin displays his physique during the competition

Hmmmm ...



Airman Delven Barnes
Staff Sgt. Fred Cordts, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron intramural golf team member, studies a shot during intramural play July 27. The top team is 56th Operations Support Squadron with 40.5 points. 56th Services and the 62nd Fighter squadrons are a close second and third with 39 points. The 607th Air Control Squadron and the 63rd Fighter Squadron round out the top five with 38 and 37 points, respectively.

Around Base

Golf tournament

The Hansen Brother's Golf Classic to benefit the Luke varsity hockey team is Sept. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. The four-man scramble tournament costs \$40 per person. Call Mike McGuire at 856-6332 or Erik Saracino at 856-3732 to register.

Marathon qualifier

The fitness center has a 10K qualifier for the Air Force Marathon Aug. 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sign up at the fitness center before 6:15 a.m. the day of the event. The top four runners will qualify. For more information, call 856-6241.

Phoenix Mercury outing

Teens, ages 13 to 18, can sign up to attend a Phoenix Mercury game Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the America West Arena. The \$10 cost includes round trip transportation and admission to the game.

Participants should bring extra money for snacks and souvenirs. The trip is limited to 13 participants. For more information, call 856-7470.

Bowling specials

Colorama, bowling for cash prizes, is Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Luke Lanes. Bowl three games for \$10. Patrons can also bowl for \$1.10 a game Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 856-6529.

Aerobic center hours

The aerobic and Nautilus center at the health and wellness center is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free classes are offered for active-duty members. For more information on class times and fees, call 856-3247.

Punt, Pass and Kick

The free NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition is Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. at youth ballfield No. 1 for youths ages 8 to 15. Parents need to sign up children at the youth center by Sept. 7. For more information, call 856-7470 or 856-6225.

Youth flag football

Youth flag football registration ends Aug. 31. Parents can register children ages 6 to 12 at the youth center for \$25. The season begins Sept. 16. For more information, call 856-7470 or 856-6225.
